

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the second paragraph on Page 9, lines 7-13 with the following:

Fig. 1 is a side view of the shoulder mounted camera support assembly 10 according to the present invention in use by an operator 12 where the shoulder mounted camera support assembly 10 is independently supported and stabilized on the operator's shoulder ~~[[14]]~~ 13. The shoulder mounted camera support assembly 10 comprises a front portion to which the camera or camcorder 11 is attached and a rear portion for receipt of a battery pack 15.

Please replace the first paragraph on page 10, lines 1-21 with the following:

As shown in Fig 4, extending perpendicularly from the horizontal shaft 22 is a breastplate 20 that is rotatable about a hinge 21 intermediate its length. The upper portion 23 of the breastplate 20 is mounted on the horizontal shaft 22 of the shoulder mounted camera support assembly 10 through a bushing 24 provided with a circular aperture 27 in the bushing 24 receiving the horizontal shaft 22 there through. The bushing 24 has a cam 29 mounted on opposite sides of the bushing 24 on the opposite sides of the upper portion of the breastplate 20 such that a portion of the circumference of each cam 29 seats exactly in a arced groove 26 formed on the bottom of shaft 22 when the upper portion 23 of breastplate 20 is perpendicular to horizontal shaft 22 as shown in Fig.4, such that the breastplate 20 can be slideably adjusted along the shaft 22, yet locked into a desired position when the bottom hinged portion 31 is extended by pivoting it about hinge 21 into contact with the chest of the operator 12 which cants the cams 29 into frictional clutching engagement with the groove ~~[[25]]~~ 26 in the bottom of shaft 22. The breastplate 20 may be partially folded, collapsing inward from its use position illustrated in Fig.1 and slideably adjusted at varying positions on the horizontal shaft 22 when the rear portion of the shoulder mounted camera support assembly 10 is collapsed into a pod as further described in conjunction with in Figs. 3 and 5.